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SUBJECT: SFCP: US-YUGO JOINT BOARD MEETING

REF: A) BELGRADE 1233; B) STATE 38182

1. WE ARE VERY DISTRESSED BY PIRKMAJER'S AND SUTLOVIC'S
UNILATERAL DECISION TO POSTPONE JOINT BOARD MEETING AND
THAT SCIATT'S SOLID ARGUMENTS ARE BEING IGNORED. SCIENCE
COUNSELOR RAJACIC IS ALSO DISTURBED OVER THIS LATE
DEVELOPMENT AND, REPORTEDLY, IS SENDING A STRONG MESSAGE
TO BELGRADE.

2. WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY APPROACH FAISECTC AGAIN TO
STRESS VIGOROUSLY DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE THAT MEETING PROCEED
MARCH 7-11 AS PLANNED. YUGOSLAVS GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATE
THE INCONVENIENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND INVOLVED US
OFFICIALS IN TRYING TO RESCHEDULE. BECAUSE OF OTHER
COMMITMENTS DURING THIS BUSIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR, DR.
MORRIS AND OTHERS MAY HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A
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MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ASIDE
FROM THE QUESTION OF INTEREST EARNINGS, THE JOINT BOARD
DOES HAVE A NUMBER OF ROUTINE BUT NEVERTHELESS NECESSARY
DECISIONS TO MAKE. WITH REGARD TO OUR PROPOSALS FOR USE
OF INTEREST EARNINGS IN REF B, PLEASE STRESS AGAIN THAT

TABLES 1 AND 2 ARE A SET OF GENERAL AND SPECIFIC IDEAS

INTENDED TO INITIATE DISCUSSION. THE BOARD COULD APPROVE THOSE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THERE IS AGREEMENT, IF ANY, AND POSTPONE UNTIL LATER THOSE WHICH REQUIRE MORE CONSULTATION. AS STATED BEFORE, WE ENVISION THAT EACH FUTURE SESSION OF BOARD WILL HAVE TO FOCUS ON INTEREST EARNINGS QUESTION.

3. WE ARE PUZZLED BY INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN FAISECTC'S WISH FOR POSTPONEMENT AND ITS OFTEN-STATED DESIRE FOR CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF COOPERATION. TO SOME EXTENT, A POSTPONEMENT WOULD REPRESENT A LOSS OF MOMENTUM, SO SOON AFTER THE VISIT OF THE S&T DELEGATION IN DECEMBER.

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